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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF PERFORMANCE BY NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC

1. ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY (RDS) EXPLORING WITH LONDON AGENT HAROLD HOLT LIMITED THE POSSIBILITY OF A DUBLIN PERFORMANCE BY NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC (NYP) ON JUNE 2, 1976. HOLT ALLEGES THAT EUROPEAN TOUR IS NOT RECEIVING MAJOR SPONSORSHIP THEREFORE IS FORCED TO QUOTE A PHENOMENALLY HIGH FEE OF \$40,000 WHICH HOLT INFERS MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT LEONARD BERNSTEIN WILL CONDUCT A 20TH CENTURY ALL AMERICAN PROGRAM WITH MUSIC BY GERSHWIN, COPLAND AND BERNSTEIN HIMSELF WHO WILL ALSO PROBABLY PLAN GERSHWIN PIANO CONCERTO.

3. ANY PERFORMANCE BY AN ORCHESTRA WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDING WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS EVENT IN DUBLIN. IT HAS BEEN A GOOD MANY YEARS SINCE ANY ORCHESTRA HAS PERFORMED HERE. BERNSTEIN, THE NYP, AND THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE IRISH IN COMBINATION WOULD PROVIDE AN OCCASION THAT WOULD BE TALKED ABOUT FOR MONTHS TO COME. FURTHERMORE IT WOULD PROVIDE THE IRISH WITH AN IDEAL VEHICLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR BI CENTENNIAL. WE CANNOT CONCEIVE ANY PROGRAM OR PROJECT AT THIS LATE DATE WITH SUCH POTENTIAL IMPACT AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH RDS TO MOVE AHEAD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. PAO HAS HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH RDS AS WELL AS RADIO
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TELEFIS EIREANN (RTE) RE THE FINANCING OF THE PERFORMANCE. ON

BASIS OF SEATING CAPACITY OF BETWEEN 4,000 AND 4,500 THE DEFICIT UNDER THE MOST PESSIMISTIC CONDITIONS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000. THIS DEFICIT WOULD BE LOWERED BY THE AMOUNT THAT THE \$40,000 FEE COULD BE NEGOTIATED DOWNWARD. IN OTHER WORDS IT COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED OR ELIMINATED.

5. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED BEYOND ANY DOUBT THE EARNESTNESS AND ABILITY OF RDO TO SPONSOR SUCH A PERFORMANCE. RDS HAS THE PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, PRESTIGE AND THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD IMMEDIATELY. IN THIS RESPECT WE WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE CU CONTACTING THE NYP BUSINESS AGENT FOR THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) IS JUNE 2 REALLY AN OPEN DATE AND IS THE DUBLIN PERFORMANCE FEASIBLE?
- (B) IF SO, WHAT IS THE FEE?
- (C) DOES THE FEE INCLUDE SIMULTANEOUS TV-RADIO BROADCAST RIGHTS (FOR IRELAND ONLY)?
- (D) CONTRACTING PROCEDURES? CURLEY

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